

Dear Commissioner:

We urge you to approve the long distance application from SBC/Pacific Bell. This entry into the long distance market by SBC/Pacific Bell is beneficial for all concerned parties. This market will truly be open and fully competitive and will benefit California consumers by offering savings, convenience, one-stop shopping and easy-to-understand calling plans for all telecommunications services. Also, SBC's ability to offer long distance service will give the Irvine Valley College community more choices, better service, and savings.

The Irvine Valley College Foundation has had a positive, long-term relationship with SBC/Pacific Bell. The company continues to be a good solid corporate citizen, and its employees are involved in the communities in which they live and work.

We support this application and urge your approval.

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